



THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 16th April 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

* 679. Sri A. Govindasamy rose to put the question.

MR. SPEAKER : As the Hon. the Minister for Industries is not present in the House, I will take up question No. 684.

Pre-Professional Course (Medicine).

* 684 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students in the pre-Professional Courses (Medicine), who appeared for the final examinations last year;

(b) the number passed; and

(c) the number of seats available in the first year M.B.B.S. during this academic year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) 414.

(b) April 1959	..	..	..	..	..	366
September 1959	..	..	..	..	..	40
Total						406

(c) The number of actual vacancies in the first M.B.B.S. course during 1959–60, consequent on the failures of the pre-professional students of 1958, can be assessed only after the publication of the results of the pre-professional course examination of April 1960.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Sir, may I know the number of seats available because of failures during the previous year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Each student has got three chances. It is only after three chances are over, we can definitely say whether there will be vacancies. Now, as regards last year, the failed students have got another chance. So we have to keep the seats vacant.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is it a fact that all the students who appeared for the pre-professional medical course last March have passed, and that they were not given seats in the M.B.B.S.? Some of them were refused admission in the first M.B.B.S.?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. It cannot be like that. At one examination, the percentage of passes was very high. I cannot say cent per cent, but it was very high. Therefore, there was no vacancy. All the seats available were filled up by pre-professional students.